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The future belongs to those who see the possibilities before they become obvious. John Sculley

To: Friends of the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation

Two years ago, the Kansas Health Foundation offered the Pittsburg Area an opportunity to enhance the lives of future generations of our community citizens by establishing a Community Foundation. This "challenge/opportunity" has come with many blessings in the form of matching funding. A few caring individuals started talking and before we knew it, 20+ volunteers were involved in securing the operating funds for the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation (PACF).

The PACF was able to make its first community grants for the betterment of children through the work and commitment of our founders, Board members and other contributors, during 2002.

All fifth grade classes in Crawford County were given the opportunity to receive a \$200 grant by developing projects that would make a difference in their communities. Eighteen classes (over 350 students) participated in assisting the elderly, protecting and caring for animals and cleaning up their communities, to name a few projects. This was a great learning experience for all and made an extremely positive impact on the communities of Crawford County.

The Children's Advocacy Center received a grant to expand and enhance its child abuse prevention program. Because there is a growing need for the services provided by the CAC, these funds help ensure that any child will get the best and most appropriate care when he or she is in need.

The Pittsburg Area Community Foundation (PACF) is on the threshold of a new and exciting year. The Foundation offers opportunities for any and all to be a part of improving the quality of life in our area.

The next challenge before us is to raise \$500,000 in permanent funds by the end of 2003. For each dollar raised, the Kansas Health Foundation will provide a match of 50 cents. The matching funds will be placed in a permanent fund from which earnings may be used for the health and well being of the children of Crawford County. This challenge also makes it possible for any donor - large or small - to leverage his/her contribution to the community by 50 percent.

We continue to share information about the benefits of using the PACF as a conduit for charitable giving. Educational seminars for professional advisers, non-profit agencies, accountants, funeral planners, attorneys, insurance agents, etc., provide information about the many advantages the PACF has to offer its members.

New opportunities on the horizon include the establishment of a Legacy Society as another venue for individuals to become a part of the PACF by arranging to leave a planned gift.

Many people love the life of rural Kansas and Crawford County, and we are blessed with an excellent quality of life in the Midwest. The PACF is and will continue to be the vehicle to allow individuals to make charitable gifts to the Crawford County

area. This is an opportunity to give back to the area we love. This is an opportunity to finance projects and special causes which will improve our lives and the lives of our children and grandchildren. With the continued support of those who helped us begin, as well as those who will join us, we will be successful.

The future is what we make it - the best is yet to come!



*Rita Bicknell
President, Board of Trustees*



*Judy Scudamore
Executive Director*

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Pittsburg Area Community Foundation Founders

*Vision without action is merely
a dream. Action without vision
just passes with time. Vision with
Action can Change the World.*
Zool Barker

The Kansas Health Foundation was instrumental in the establishment of the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation. The goal of the Kansas Health Foundation is to create healthier communities in which to raise children, and it believes that communities who have foundations tend to be better for children. As an incentive to the Pittsburg area, the Kansas Health Foundation challenged the area to establish a foundation and raise \$300,000 in operating funds. When the community met that challenge, the Kansas Health Foundation matched the \$300,000. Thirty-two donors from the area who contributed \$3,000 or more helped raise the \$300,000 and are recognized as the PACF Founders. The Founders are listed below:

Joe Beauchamp
The Bicknell Foundation
Jim and Nancy Bishop
Brenner Mortuary-Steve and Chris Ward
Ken and Debbie Brock
Richard and Faith Coleman
Tom and Jane Collinson
Commerce Bank
Crossland Construction Co., Inc.
Vicki Dennett
Frank D. Dunnick
Gordon and Beverly Elliott
Foundation
C. L. and Paula Farabi
Dr. Glenn L. Hough
Robert S. Huebner, MD
Ron and Vicki Marrone
Roberta McNay
Richard and Nancy Miller
The Mitchelson Foundation, Inc.
Mr. and Mrs. George Nettels
Bill and Pam Phalen
PITSCO, Inc.
Pittsburg Noon Rotary Club
Pittsburg Sunrise Rotary Club
Ray and Zoe Ryan
Jim and Judy Scudamore
Joseph G. Smoot
Fred J. Spigarelli
Elias and Magda Tawil
Bud and Marge Walker
Dick and Kaye Lynne Webb
Wendell and Lynda Wilkinson

2002 Grant Highlights ...

Grants were the highlight of the PACF activities for 2002.

Because the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation exceeded the Kansas Health Foundation's challenge to raise \$300,000, the Kansas Health Foundation gave the PACF \$10,000 to give away in grants that would enhance the health and welfare of children in the PACF area.

Children's Advocacy Center Grant

From the Kansas Health Foundation's \$10,000, the PACF awarded a \$6400 grant to the Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. (CAC) Sandy Morris, CAC Executive Director, and Ron Marrone, President, CAC Board of Directors wrote:

"When an abused child and their family come to the CAC, they receive an average of five hours of services or support. The total expenses at \$50 per hour, could be more than \$250.

"On the other hand, safety awareness or prevention services can be



Ann Altenhofen,
Children's
Advocacy Center,
works on new
prevention
programs

provided to a group of children at only \$25 per hour. It is clear that it costs more to provide services to an abused child than it does to prevent child abuse.

"Thankfully, the CAC has been able to provide both the prevention and the intervention services to children since 1999. The PACF's donation of funds

helped expand the child abuse prevention education program provided to second and fourth graders in Crawford County.

"Community support for the Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. is critical for the continuation of our services to children. Your

contribution will make a difference in the life of a child.

"Thank you for your generosity"

Kids Who Care Grants

All 5th grade classes in Crawford County were invited to apply for a \$200 grant through the PACF 5th Grade Kids Who Care Contest. The 5th grade classes were asked to write a short proposal telling how their classes would use the \$200 to make their community a better place in which to live.

Four of the 18 classes that applied for the \$200 completed their projects by the end of December 2002.

Peggy Polsak's 5th grade class in Westside Elementary School in Pittsburg chose to hold a food drive during November for



Wesley House, a nonprofit

Westside 5th
Graders
give donation to
Piet Knetsch

organization that is consistently helping families in need of food. They reported they worked very hard to accomplish and surpass their goal of 250 nonperishable food items for Wesley House. On November 21, 2003 they delivered 565 nonperishable items to Wesley House.

The 5th grade classes of Denise McLeod and Theresa Tener at St. Mary's Elementary School in

Pittsburg collaborated on their project. They joined forces to provided the Humane Society with materials for people who adopted animals at the shelter. They chose this project because "kids love animals, and maybe

this will promote people to adopt homeless animals." They completed their project before Christmas in time for people to adopt an animal for a Christmas gift.

Diane Deplue's 5th grade class at Frank Layden Elementary



St. Mary's 5th Graders at Humane Society

The Board of Trustees

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

The Pittsburg Area Community Foundation was established in February 2001. Twenty-six individuals in the Crawford County area stepped forward to serve on the Board of Trustees of this new charitable organization. They have been diligent in contributing their time and talents to organizing and establishing a solid foundation for the PACF. During 2002, the Board expanded its geographical base by adding four new members from Girard, Frontenac, and Arma. The new members' terms begin January 2003.

Following are the 2001-2002 Board of Trustees:

Rita J. Bicknell
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Joseph G. Smoot

Marge Walker

Steve Ward

Kaye Lynne Webb



Frontenac 5th Graders helping the Humane Society

School in Frontenac chose to help the Humane Society by donating supplies such as food, toys, kitty litter, cleaning supplies, etc., to the local shelter that takes care of animals and paying for one animal to be spayed or neutered.

Pittsburg's Downtown Holiday Decorations

The downtown Pittsburg Christmas decorations have been a point of pride in the community for decades. This was especially true for long-time resident and

business owner Bob Lyerla, now deceased. In memory of Mr. Lyerla, Patrick O'Bryan, established a Lyerla memorial fund from the many donations in memory of Mr. Lyerla. From this fund, a grant of \$5,400 was made to the City of Pittsburg for holiday decorations. Another \$1,000 grant for holiday decorations was made possible by a gift from the Pittsburg Wal-Mart store.

Appreciative Recipient

Piet Knetsch, Wesley House Pastor and Executive Director, was recipient of a Kids Who Care grant.

"The Kids Who Care Contest is terrific. We appreciate the donated food from the Westside Elementary School's 5th grade class. Because of this experience, one of the kids from the Westside class has become a Wesley House volunteer! He is only 10 years old."

PACF Helps Future Become A Reality

Kaye Lynne Webb, Community Volunteer and PACF Board Member, was instrumental in establishing the Immigrant Park non-permanent fund. She writes: "Raffaele Purgatorio, an Italian teenager, stepped off the train at Second and Broadway in Pittsburg, Kansas, in the late 1890's. He had made the long journey from Fossato da Vico Italy, to begin his new life in American as a coal miner.

"He and hundreds just like him will be memorialized in Immigrant Park, a linear park which will run along a portion of the same train line that brought them to Southeast Kansas. There will also be a memorial to all who labored in the coal mining and railroad industries to establish a place that we now call home. The Webb/Lundy family hopes to have the project completed in three years.

"As a sub-fund of the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation, the Immigrant Park project is afforded the same benefits as any other 501©3 Organization. This has been a tremendous boon to fundraising in that all contributions are tax deductible. As a family project, the Park would have taken a great deal more time to become a reality without the benefit of affiliation with the PACF."

Pittsburg Area Community Foundation Consolidated Funds Statement for the Year Ending December 31, 2002

Beginning Cash Balance	\$507,658.21
Total Additions	\$213,707.77
<small>(Additions do not include \$71,366.67 in year-end contributions deposited in 2003.)</small>	
Total Distributions	\$58,158.01
Total Net Change in Cash Balance	+\$154,569.76
Ending Cash Balance	\$662,207.97
Total Cash Assets	\$662,207.97
Liabilities (Pledges receivable)	100,743.67
Total Assets (Cash & Pledges receivable).....	762,951.64
<small>(Complete financial report available upon request)</small>	

What is the PACF?

The Pittsburg Area Community Foundation provides a vehicle in the Crawford County area to enhance our quality of life. The PACF connects donors to issues they care about, as well as to the changing needs of the community. Donors can support a broad range of charitable activities such as health improvements, educational endeavors, art and cultural projects, children's welfare, and other civic efforts intended to enrich everyday life. Charitable giving is easy and simple through the PACF. Donors identify important possibilities that can be made realities through the PACF.

Joseph G. (Grady) Smoot, Pittsburg State University Vice-President Emeritus and Assistant to the President for Special Projects, is a long time supporter of the community and PSU.

Dr. Smoot believes, "the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation promises to provide an important strength in our area-wide community. As years go by, the PACF will fund many projects to improve the lives of all residents in Pittsburg and Crawford County."

Bill Coleman, President of Vinylplex, Inc., established the first local endowment fund in the PACF. Over the years, earnings from this permanent fund will provide scholarships for area students.

"The great thing about an endowment is that it keeps giving forever. The PACF is a pretty exciting thing when you think about it. People who previously wanted to give a gift to the community may have been hesitant because, once the funds are distributed, they are gone. With an endowment, that gift can keep giving forever."

Looking Forward to 2003

By the end of 2003, the Pittsburg Area Community Foundation will:

- Raise \$500,00 in permanent (endowed) funds. The Kansas Health Foundation will provide a 50% match for endowed funds raised by December 31, 2003. This will give PACF \$750,000 in endowed funds.
- Establish a Legacy Society which will invite people to plan to leave a financial contribution to their favorite projects and causes through planned giving.
- Share information about specific areas of interest funds, which will allow individuals to support projects in Crawford County. Possible area of interest funds include: education, health, children & youth, community improvement, and the arts.

The true meaning of life is to plant trees, under whose shade you do not expect to sit. Nelson Henderson

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